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**DARE to Resist Police SWAT Violence? MPD Drug War Worse Than Drugs: This demonstrates violence MPD Police officers can do to you, family, friends, in the name of their War on Drugs. Oops! Wrong car? Just practicing our VIOLENCE skills.**



**Gary Yabuta**  
new MPD Chief reminded Keiki they have the rights to be happy & respected. **Right? Auwe!**



**"Candy Kop"**  
the DARE cheerleader threw little baggies of sweets to DARE Keiki for "Happiness"



## What Is Wrong with DARE? Ineffective! Lies! Fraud! Fascism! Subverts Education! Creates Snitches! Perpetuates Drug War Prohibition Criminal Violence, Property Theft & Corruption of Police! Expensive: \$750-million/year!

The big DARE rally held at ball field across from Kaunakakai School on May 28, 2009 was another huge entertainment success for Maui Police Chief Gary Yabuta and his team of DARE police officers. And, it was a fun day off from school, too, Chief Yabuta reminded the attending elementary school students who recited the DARE Pledge word for word after Yabuta's lead.

Why use the DARE propaganda on Keiki, instead of Legalizing Drugs for adults? Are some drugs illegal because they are bad, or bad because they are illegal? If the drug war is about drugs, should alcohol and tobacco be outlawed?

The drug traffickers and MPD Police do understand that the legalization of drugs would take the lucrative drug business and Drug War grant money and enforcement programs away from them. Legalization of drugs would be a cost effective way to effectively combat the criminality related to underground drug trafficking, compared to the unConstitutional Nazi-style enforcement SWAT & DEA raids commonly used in USA and in Mexico that result in loss of freedoms and injury and deaths of innocent people. [ Recently reported: Derek Copp, a 20-year-old University student was shot in the chest during a March 11 swat drug raid on his apartment. Copp was not armed, no drugs found; January 2008, SWAT drug warriors stormed the home of Tarika Wilson during an ordinary drug investigation, shot and killed Wilson -- an unarmed 26-year old mother -- also blowing a finger off her one-year old son she was holding, and another member of the SWAT team murdered he two family dogs in a different room; Mexican anti-drug federal troops and police rose to 65,000, with several Mexican border cities under virtual martial law, but the drug prohibition-related violence death toll jumped to more than 6,000 in 2008. This year, nearly 2,500 people reported killed so far.]

Over the last several years, ever-louder criticisms about the merits and wisdom of DARE have emerged. The web site of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the nation's preeminent anti-drug abuse agency, doesn't even mention DARE as a solution to drug abuse. **What is wrong with DARE?**

**1. Efficacy.** Despite its huge popularity, and hundreds of millions in tax revenue and private contributions, no evidence exists that DARE keeps kids off drugs. Many studies document this, but the bottom line is that at best, in the words of the Justice Department-sponsored study by the Research Triangle Institute, DARE has a "limited to essentially nonexistent effect on drug use."

DARE's official response to this growing body of research is disdain for science; and MPD calls criticism of their DARE program "offensive". Other DARE advocates answer that "even if we are reaching only one kid, it's worth all the effort." (It is not clear why their standard of success is so low. We would hardly declare a math curriculum successful if only one kid learned to add.)

**2. Subverts** public education by transforming schools into instruments for the propagation of prohibitionist doctrine and the perpetuation of the war waged in its defense. Some parents compare DARE to Nazis installing uniformed, armed, agents of the state in classrooms to tell children what their attitudes ought to be, and to obtain information about family home life useful to the state.

**3. Unproven and false educational hypotheses,** the most notorious one of which is that using drugs is a symptom of low self esteem, or of high stress. Thus

casual, responsible use of any drug (alcohol, caffeine, tobacco) by parents or anyone else is to be seen as pathological, i.e., "abuse." From this dubious premise, it is alleged that self-esteem can be "built" by reciting state-sponsored catechisms consisting of claims of "rights" which DARE says have been conferred on fifth grade DARE students: the "right to be happy" and the "right to be respected."

**4. PROPERTY THEFT by Police:** Vehicles used by DARE are seized by the police under a Bill of Rights violating program known as "asset forfeiture", causes drug law defendants to lose their property even if they are never found guilty of any crime. Former MPD Chief Thomas Phillips, whom new chief Gary Yabuta said he "loves" and will continue Phillips' policies as the new MPD chief, took in millions of dollars in asset forfeiture money and property resulting from MPDraids on mostly marijuana growers.

**5. Undermining the role and credibility of police.** The role of police is to protect the public safety, and to respond to emergencies. It is neither fair nor reasonable to expect them to take on the job of teaching mental health and attitudes. Nor it is helpful for civics education for children to be taught fictitious "rights." When a child grows up and learns that she was lied to about her "right to be happy," how will she feel about the officer who taught her the lie?

**6. Not fair to professional teachers:** DARE officers have no accountability. If Johnny can't read, teachers bear accountability. If Johnny doesn't stay off drugs, will the police take responsibility for the failure of drug education in schools, and protect teachers from any attribution of blame?

**7. Sacrifices excessive academic time.** DARE consumes approximately seventeen hours of academic time that would otherwise be available for science, math, reading or some other academic subject. In the absence of any proof that DARE works, this is a substantial sacrifice of valuable school time.

**8. DARE costs a lot of money.** Glenn Levant, the DARE executive director, states that DARE consumes some \$750,000,000 per year. The money goes to purchase paraphernalia--T-shirts, bumper stickers, caps, pens, pencils, etc.--from DARE -licensed vendors, as well as for training and overtime salaries for police." It is important to realize that every dollar spent on DARE is a dollar not available for a useful, educationally sound drug education program in schools.

**9. DARE does NOT address the causes of drug abuse.** An effective drug education program would not create a coregroup of adolescents who were as closed to alternative viewpoints and open to moralistic propaganda like DARE. The fact that the program is so pervasive in our society, and the effects of DARE generally unquestioned, means that DARE is pure police "propaganda" , and quite clearly serves no other purpose than entertainment and P.R. for MPD et al.

"It's well-established that D.A.R.E. doesn't work," says Gilbert Botvin of the Institute for Prevention at Cornell University Medical Center. The problem is not that young people don't hear the anti-drug message from a plethora of sources including DARE. It is that they aren't listening. And they aren't listening because the message is muddled, dishonest, and propagandistic.

Anti-drug messages routinely deceive audiences by exaggerating the risks of marijuana, often erroneously described as a "gateway drug." Thus young people are told that marijuana causes cancer, or amotivational syndrome, or immune system or testosterone deficiencies, or birth defects, etc.....Lies, Lies.....page5

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## Kaunakakai School Principle Janice Espiritu Wins Leadership Award



The Island Insurance Foundation presented its sixth annual Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award of \$25,000 to Molokai's Kaunakakai Elementary School Principal Janice Espiritu at the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation Dinner held on May 20 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

The award, named in honor of the late Masayuki Tokioka, founder of Island Insurance Company, Ltd., is presented to a public school principal who is visionary, community-minded, and has an entrepreneurial spirit - qualities of leadership that Tokioka exemplified in his own company and in the business community.

"Principal Espiritu exemplifies the type of leadership that can transform our public schools into model learning institutions," said Colbert Matsumoto, Island Insurance Foundation President. "By recognizing outstanding principals such as Janice, it is our hope that her accomplishments will inspire others in public education," Matsumoto added.

Espiritu received a \$10,000 cash award and an additional \$15,000 for a school project of her choice. How would she utilize the award for her school?

**"Code Green at Kaunakakai School!"**, she declared! "Upon receipt of the Masayuki Tokioka award to our school, we would invest it in a project that we have been wanting to initiate for some time. Kaunakakai's geographic location is perfect for harnessing the sun's energy. Our dream is to partner with community members and organizations such as Maui Electric Company to devise a plan for solar energy (such as the installation of photovoltaic panels). Not only would this plan be cost effective, support energy conservation, it would also be a superior example to lead our children through the 21st century. Our vision is that parents, students, and staff work together to create an eco friendly alternative energy project designed to foster self and community awareness of energy conservation methods. This is in alignment with Superintendent Patricia Hamamoto's directive that all schools need to conserve our natural resources as well as Governor Linda Lingle's energy initiatives to increase the use of solar energy in Hawaii."

"The expressions of our school mission and vision, and the principles of our beliefs are simple and straightforward," said Espiritu. "However, these guideposts are pillars of cultural, social, and familial interactions that serve to support and extend the learning and achievements of our youth."

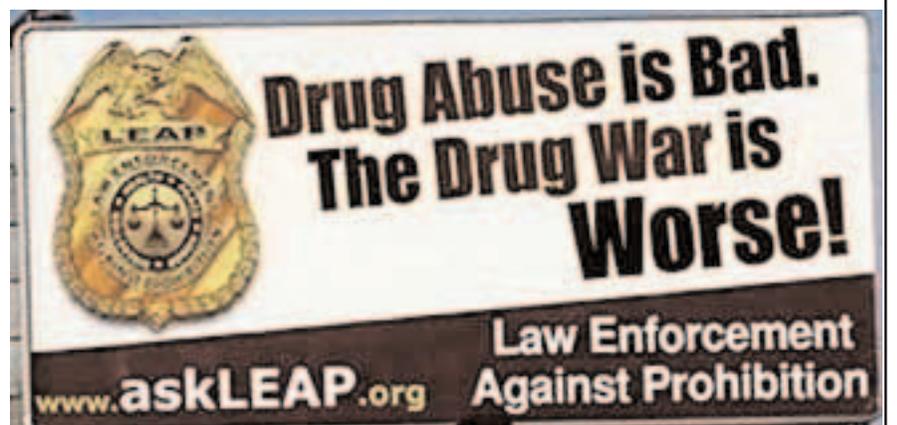
"Janice has consistently brought together teachers, staff, parents, and community members for the sole purpose of creating the best possible learning environment for the children at our school," said Robert Underwood, teacher at Kaunakakai Elementary School. "Under her leadership, our school has developed a professional learning community model that has improved instruction and created a team of teacher leaders."

Espiritu has been with Kaunakakai Elementary School for 30 years, 8 of which have been as Principal of the school. Criteria for the award were based on research done by the Center for the Study of Teaching and Policy at the University of Washington. The study concluded that school leaders can advance powerful and equitable learning by: establishing a focus on learning; building professional communities that value learning; engaging external environments that contribute to learning; acting strategically and sharing leadership; and managing improvement activities based on student performance data. The awards program is being administered by the Public Schools Foundation of Hawaii.

An immigrant from Japan, Mr. Tokioka moved to Hawaii at age 12 and graduated from McKinley High School in 1921. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Master of Business Administration degree in international commerce from Harvard University in 1927. His business career spanned 70 years, during which he founded several successful enterprises such as the Island Insurance Companies, International Savings & Loan Association, Ltd. and National Mortgage & Finance Company, Ltd. He was also a driving force in establishing many community-focused entities such as the Hawaii Immigrant Preservation Center, Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation and the Japanese Cultural Centers in Hawaii and San Francisco.

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## Molokai's Forum For Freedom



## New MPD Chief Gary Yabuta Follows Phillips Fascist foot step



Police and Prosecutors deal drugs and entrap people so they can show they caught "criminals", especially medical marijuana users. They make up criminal charges. Its FRAUD and TREASON! ENOUGH. CITIZENS PROTECT THEMSELVES from these fascist stooges. We Enforce the Bill of Rights!

New MPD Chief Gary Yabuta said he "loves Thom Phillips" and is perpetuating the unlawful discriminatory treasonous policies of his former boss against the MAN's demands for MPD reforms to protect Citizen's rights.

When Thomas Phillips was chief of MPD, he was supposed to comply with intent of law HRS 134 to issue a license to carry a gun to anyone of good character who requests a license, but the policy of Phillips and all chiefs of police in Hawaii is NO LICENSE to CARRY for anyone but police and "special people". This unConstitutional policy violates the 2nd Amendment and puts Citizens in position of no defense against criminals, and is being perpetuated by new Chief Yabuta. He is NOT doing his job, and he is violating the 2nd Amendment rights of all The People— "...the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" —by enforcing unconstitutional gun laws chapter 134 HRS.

The People need OUR guns to protect against such tyranny by government fascist stooges who cause the People to fear them, fear their monopoly on use of force, fear their indemnity, fear their immunity for violence against The People. Its time for TurnAbout! "When the government fears The People, there is liberty. When the People fear the government there is tyranny," wrote Thomas Jefferson. It is true, today. VERY true in Maui County and Lingle's Police State.

And what recourse does a Citizen have now against corrupt police or prosecutors? Without our guns to enforce our sovereignty, its a joke. Haaaahahaha! Yet, there WILL be accountability, which is why MPD et al do NOT want Citizens to have guns for protection from tyrants. These MAN reports are disturbing to the MPD and other political interests that have Hawaii prostrate before their organized criminal rackets. The Maui Council should enact an Accountability Law to Prosecute All Government Agents for their crimes because the existing system simply protects police, prosecutors, attorneys, et al from criminal liability.

WHO are the DOMESTIC ENEMIES of the Constitution? Those who make laws contrary to the Constitution. Those who enforce laws contrary to the Constitution. And those who give orders contrary to the Constitution have become domestic enemies of the Constitution, and The People!

It doesn't take a Judge or a lawyer to know the difference! We KNOW !

**HUKA WAI I KE PILI !!**

**WE THE PEOPLE MUST STOP the TREASON**

A republican form of government is one in which we must govern ourselves and protect ourselves because there is a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part; you can't even passively take part, and you've got to put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus, and you've got to make it stop. And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, to the people who own it, that unless you're free, the machine will be prevented from working at all! A republican form of government is one in which we govern ourselves and protect ourselves by binding our public servants with the chains of the Constitution for the united States of America.

## Bill of Rights 2nd Amendment: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

**Wake up militia! Use it , or lose it ! Got your gun, yet?**

"...with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, or fortunes and our sacred honor."

(Unanimous Declaration of Independence)

If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, and, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves.

"The people cannot delegate to government the power to do anything which would be unlawful for them to do themselves."- John Locke

"Those who make peaceful change impossible, make violent change inevitable." -- Robert F. Kennedy

**"Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God." T.J.**

## Enforce the Bill of Rights !

"And how we burned in the camps later, thinking: What would things have been like if every Security operative [insert your favorite alphabet Gang DEA, BATFE, H.S., TSA, FBI, IRS, NSA, CIA, LEOs etc. here], when he went out at night to make an arrest, had been uncertain whether he would return alive and had to say goodbye to his family? Or if, during periods of mass arrests, as for example in Leningrad, when they arrested a quarter of the entire city, people had not simply sat there in their lairs, paling in terror at every bang of the downstairs door and at every step on the staircase, but had understood they had nothing left to lose [neither do you now] and had boldly set up in the downstairs hall an ambush of half a dozen people with axes, hammers, pokers, or whatever else was at hand. The Organs would very quickly have suffered a shortage of officers and transports and, notwithstanding all of Stalin's thirst; the cursed machine would have ground to a halt!" -- The Gulag Archipelago, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

## Gun Rights Refresher

1. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
2. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
3. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
4. "Free" men do not ask permission to bear arms.
5. If you don't know your rights you don't have any.
6. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
7. What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand?
8. The Second Amendment is to enforce the other 9 Amendments.
9. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
10. Guns only have two enemies; rust and politicians.
11. Know guns, know peace, know safety.
12. No guns, no peace, no safety.
13. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
14. 911 - government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
15. Assault is a behavior, not a gun device.
16. Criminals love gun control -- it makes their jobs safer.
17. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
18. Only a government that is afraid of citizens prohibits guns.
19. You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.
20. Remove the people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.
21. The American Revolution was about gun control.

## Crimes of Politicians Must Be Stopped by The People (You are The Militia)

The crime on our streets is a tiny fraction of the crime in the offices of our politicians and bureaucrats - the massive majority of crime is committed by the criminal classes in power. Just look at the constant abuse of power in our State government offices and you will realize the extent of crime in Government. Just consider just how many BILLIONS of dollars a day Government extorts from the people and how little WE get in return; and just how comfortable the politicians make themselves at the expense of the peoples they extort!

The goal of the founders of America was to restrict government within severe limits and to protect the rights of sovereign individuals. Government has NO rights!

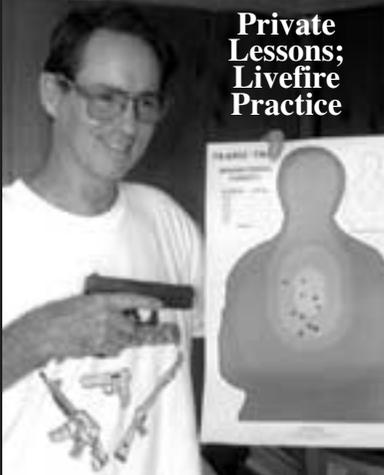
Judges are impeachable. Furthermore, judges may be removed immediately for violating oaths of office, involvement in conspiracies, extortion, and failing to uphold their duty to the common law. Judges can also be arrested, they are not exempt from this nor are any other officials, including the President of the United States.

Do the people have the power to do this? Yes, the people have the power to do everything to defend our country against all enemies foreign or domestic politician, and government has no power to say otherwise. Fascist bureaucrats might send out its armed marauders, but a huge group of The People (Militia) armed with guns as guaranteed their Right to keep and bear arms by the 2nd Amendment is likely to stop them unless the governments decide that it is time to begin mass killings of all people who believe in the rights of Man.

**Wake up ! Enforce the Bill of Rights !**

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Exercise the 2nd Amendment.

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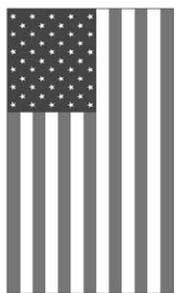


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# Molokai High School NEWS

## DATE 6-6-09: GRADUATION

Aloha Moloka'i Community,

Molokai High School will graciously like to invite you to our 2009 Commencement Exercises on June 6th 2009. The ceremony will begin promptly at 4:00 pm. at the Molokai High School gymnasium. Please be reminded we are asking that no noise makers of any form are allowed as well as balloons in the gym during the ceremony. Faculty parking will be reserved for graduates after the ceremony and clearly marked signs will be posted to locate graduates. Guest parking will be in the student parking lot. Don't be late, doors will close at 4:00 pm.

### Senior Project Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to Molokai High School to help with the Senior Project. Your assistance and input were more valuable than mere words could express. Please join us again next year. Mahalo to all community members who helped mentor and advise our students with their projects. Please continue to support our students in the years to come. If you wish to join the Molokai High School Senior Project ohana in any way, contact the school, 567-6950, Ms. Karen Harada, senior project coordinator.

### TUTORING FOR SENIORS

Teacher, Jonathan Smith is offering free tutoring for seniors in any subject. Tutoring sessions will be in the MHS Library every Monday and Tuesday from 2:00pm-3:00pm Call 567-6950 for more details.

### High School Seniors and Parents

Please remember to return signed permission forms for participation in PROJECT GRADUATION to Mr. Espaniola. Forms were sent home during Spring Break with report cards or see Mr. Espaniola if you need a form.

### Driver Education

Driver Education is rescheduled to start June 15th and end July 24th. Class will be 1.5 hours Monday- Thursday and driving practice will follow after class (2 hours, 2 students). Driving practice only will be on Fridays. If you have already attended the mandatory parent meeting, your child is still enrolled in the course. New students wanting to enroll will be placed on a waiting list. If you have concerns or comments please email Malia Lee at malia\_lee@notes.k12.hi.us or call the school: 5676950 ext. 233. Thank you for your patience and understanding of the situation.

## Student Shot During Drug Raid

Derek Copp, the 20-year-old Grand Valley State University student who was shot in the chest during a March 11 swat drug raid on his apartment, will be charged with an unspecified drug possession offense.

Copp was not armed. He was shot by Ottawa County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Huizenga, a member of the SWAT team, as Huizenga came through a glass door into the apartment and encountered Copp. Huizenga has now been charged with a misdemeanor -- careless discharge of a firearm -- and was arraigned Monday. He was returned to the job by the sheriff's office, which said he was reinstated because it would take a long time for the case to be heard.

**Another SWAT death:** The Lima, Ohio, SWAT team January 2008, stormed the home of Tarika Wilson and Anthony Terry during an ordinary drug investigation. A member of the SWAT team shot and killed Wilson -- an unarmed 26-year old -- also blowing a finger off the one-year old son she was holding. Another member of the SWAT team killed two family dogs on a different floor. The police department removed the graphic from the web site following the incident. Wilson's killer was charged with two misdemeanors, acquitted, and continues to work for the Lima police department, though not for the SWAT team.

## We Are Sovereign! Now, The Crown Belongs to Every American Citizen

The "crown" is the symbolic corona of the presence of GOD. Prior to 1776 only the Monarch manifested the Divine Right of Kings. After the American Revolution of 1776, the crown became our heritage as free people in a constitutional republic.

We The People Are The SOVEREIGNTY

"Sovereignty is the right to govern; a nation or State-sovereign is the person or persons in whom that resides. In Europe the sovereignty is generally ascribed to the Prince; here it rests with the people; there, the sovereign actually administers the Government; here, never in a single instance; our Governors are the agents of the people, and at most stand in the same relation to their sovereign, in which regents in Europe stand to their sovereigns. Their Princes have personal powers, dignities, and pre-eminences, our rulers have none but official; nor do they partake in the sovereignty otherwise, or in any other capacity, than as private citizens." see CHISHOLM v. STATE OF GA., 2 U.S. 419 (1793)

Supreme Court rulings on the matter: "Sovereignty, itself, is, of course, not subject to law, for it is the author and source of law. In our republican form of government, sovereign powers are delegated to the agencies of government, sovereignty itself remains with the people, by whom and for whom all government exists and acts." Yick Wo v Hopkins and Woo Loo v Hopkins, 188 US 356 [1886]

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Anti-drug messages from police and politicians routinely deceive audiences of students and adults by exaggerating the risks of marijuana, often erroneously described as a "gateway drug." Thus young people are told that marijuana causes cancer, or amotivational syndrome, or immune system or testosterone deficiencies, or birth defects, etc., lies, lies, lies. Problem is, as kids grow up and see reality, they realize that they were lied to about marijuana. If they can't believe the warnings about marijuana from Police DARE officers, why should they believe the warnings about heroin, cocaine, Extasy, etc.?

Are some drugs illegal because they are bad, or bad because they are illegal? If the drug war were really about drugs, should alcohol and tobacco be outlawed?

Everybody is for protecting people, especially the young, from the harm of drugs, as well as securing the public health and safety, and eliminating the crime and violence associated with illegal trafficking. Do we achieve these goals, or merely dig ourselves deeper into the morass, by intensifying prohibition enforcement and the accompanying demonization campaign?

Created in 1983 under the direction of the infamous Los Angeles Police chief Daryl "LA Riots" Gates, D.A.R.E. dominated after the Bush administration gave it heavy federal subsidies. Big taxpayers dollars for DARE, big FAILURE.

**To investigate D.A.R.E.'s effectiveness**, researchers looked at two similar groups of children: One group takes D.A.R.E.; the other does not. Then, researchers followed the children's behavior for several years. Since 1987, studies -- most funded by law enforcement agencies involved in the program -- have been conducted at 20 North Carolina schools; 31 Kentucky schools; 11 South Carolina schools; 36 Illinois schools; and 11 Canadian schools. The results were similar. The 1991 Kentucky study, the National Institute on Drug Abuse reported, **found "no statistically significant differences between experimental groups and control groups in the percentage of new users of ... cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, alcohol, marijuana."**

A 1990 study funded by the Canadian government found "D.A.R.E. had no significant effect on the students' use of any of the substances measured....They included: tobacco, beer, pop, marijuana, acid, Valium, wine, aspirin, uppers, downers, heroin, crack cocaine, liquor, candy, glue and PCP." To make sense of the various studies, the Justice Department hired the Research Triangle Institute of Durham, N.C., to conduct a statistical analysis of all D.A.R.E. research.

A preliminary report from the RTI -- analyzing eight studies involving 9,500 children -- says **D.A.R.E. has an "essentially non-existent effect" on drug use.**

**D.A.R.E. had a positive effect on children's knowledge and attitudes about drugs**, the report says. It also added the social skills needed to say no to drugs. But even on these measures, D.A.R.E. didn't do as well as other drug programs, including local classes taught by teachers and students. "Research shows that, no, D.A.R.E. hasn't been effective in reducing drug use," says William Modzeleski, the top drug official at the Department of Education.

D.A.R.E. America launched a behind-the-scenes political lobbying campaign against the final RTI report, and the department considered asking Congress to repeal a law requiring states to give D.A.R.E. a total of \$10 million or more a year from federal Drug Free Schools money. D.A.R.E. continues to have high-level government support.

A citizens' committee reviewed the DARE video and had serious concerns with it. These concerns are:

- \* The video is aimed at young students (younger than 10); however, the content is inappropriate for young students.
- \* There is a scene depicting adult alcoholism. The scene is never discussed.
- \* The story is unrealistic. The 'land of decisions and choices' makes it seem like use occurs only in weird and unusual places.
- \* The way pushers are depicted is unrealistic; it makes it seem like pushers are weird and unusual. In fact, most young people start using with their friends.
- \* The video really does not respect the students knowledge about drugs.
- \* Peer pressure is mentioned but the characters trying to get the students to use are not their peers.
- \* The effects of marijuana are overdone and unrealistic.
- \* The video makes a confusing distinction between soft and hard drugs.
- \* The video implies that drug dependency is a matter of will power and that being drug free requires just one big act of saying NO. A serious misleading and dangerous fantasy.

Committee also questioned the propriety of police officers coming into classrooms to teach attitudes and mental health. DARE does not tell children that they must not use drugs. Instead, DARE tells them that they have the "right to say no," implying that they have the "right to say yes."

A Portland, Maine, DARE officer quoted in the September 1992 issue of *Governing*, put it more simply: "I say to kids, 'You can smoke dope if you like, as long as you've considered the consequences.'" Conversely, DARE teaches children that they MUST OBEY traffic laws.

DARE's message is a confusing, misleading and hazardous message. Yet that is what DARE tells students about obeying drug laws.

DARE trafficks in ambiguities. Despite the term drug abuse in its name, for example, DARE doesn't tell children what drug abuse is, or how it can be identified. The closest it comes is to define abuse as the "wrong use of something; such as, misuse of drugs." No standard - legal, moral, physical or otherwise - is offered to establish what is "wrong" and whose determination that is. Nor does DARE say what "misuse" is.

DARE's most serious deficiency is that the emphasis is not on drugs at all, but on "building self-esteem" and "controlling stress." The former is achieved in part by reciting a litany of "rights" said to have been conferred on fifth graders, like the "right to be happy."

If my son is unhappy about turning off the TV and going to bed, I don't want somebody telling him his rights have been violated. "Stress" is said by DARE to be caused by a variety of normal experiences, including taking a trip, meeting someone new, or doing your chores!

Finally, DARE is not respectful toward the authority of parents. Although "resistance skills" are emphasized, it is not made clear against whom such skills are to be used. In the DARE video, called "The Land of Choices and Decisions," the only trustworthy adults depicted are the DARE officer and the teacher. The other adults are drug dealers and a drunken father.

MPD's Police DARE program in Maui schools builds strong but temporary relationships between these elementary school students and police because of one on one interaction during 17 sessions plus a big gala DARE graduation rally like the one just held in Kaunakakai, but police will dismiss that point, noting that "the program wasn't set up as a public relations vehicle for law enforcement."

Further research by Joel Brown of Berkeley-based Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, Marianne D'Emidio-Caston of UC Santa Barbara and Jordan Horowitz of Southwest Regional Laboratory in Los Alamitos, spent more than three years conducting research for the study. The study, which involved 5,000 students and 240 schools, found that students became more and more jaded about drug-prevention programs as they grew older. It found that while only 10 percent of elementary school students had a negative or neutral attitude toward drug-prevention programs, that number increased to 90 percent of high school students; and that 7 in 10 students felt a negative or neutral attitude toward their drug-prevention educators and 3 in 10 disliked their drug-prevention counselors "a little" or "a lot." One elementary school student was quoted as responding "Oh, they lie to you so that you won't do drugs." A high school student stated, "They are not in this for helping you, they are in for getting rid of the bad kids and just having all the good kids in school."

Most of the money spent on the DARE program is spent by localities to train and pay DARE officers, and to purchase workbooks, curriculum materials, and promotional items such as tee-shirts and pens. News reports have estimated that from \$700 to \$750 million are spent on DARE each year, based on Dennis Cauchon's (USA TODAY) interviews with DARE America director Glenn Levant, whose salary is on record as about \$150,000 year, in addition to his reported \$81,000 pension from the LAPD.

Who really pays for DARE? The Federal Government (your taxes), school districts (your taxes), and police departments (your taxes) as well as donations from private sources (corporations taking tax breaks by contributing to a non-profit DARE corporation). Other funds set up by Congress have since required that a certain percentage of money be spent on anti-violence programs. DARE America revised its curricula just in time to take advantage of the new funding.

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition has a better idea: "Nobody has to be killed at all if they would just legalize the drugs," said David Doddridge, a 21-year veteran of the LAPD who was a narcotics detective before he retired in 1994. "....we worked in teams, with battering rams. There was seldom any resistance." **"More citizens died than police,"** Doddridge said.

Drug War is a fool's errand, said Doddridge, who joined Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. "After a year or so of doing those drug busts, I thought it was crazy. We weren't doing any good. And I thought about the looks of the faces on those families, the children crying when we're dragging their Dad or their brother out. I thought to myself what are we doing? -- these weren't real criminals out robbing and attacking people. I started feeling really bad about all that. One problem is the productivity of drug squads is measured by how many doors they knock down...."

And the MPD DARE indoctrinated Keiki followed the orders of their instructors to stand and recite the DARE Oath.....A great time was had by all. Will they be happy and respected when the TAPOUT goons break down their door?

